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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Notes on NSC Meeting, 4 March 1954

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Egypt

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Confused situation. Naguib back in - Nasr and the RCC determined to crush Naguib - Constitutional position weak -- Naguib as President; Nasr as Prime Minister. Situation very weak - will affect negotiations over Suez -

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[REDACTED] Naguib down in Khartoum - caught in riot between pro-Egyptian and pro-Independence parties - many people hurt. Naguib described [REDACTED] as "half there" -- suffering from fatigue, shock and throat ailment - not a well man.

Syria

A revolution there bringing in a government of a mixture of civilians and the Army - getting rid of Shishekly - they had been trying by assassination and other means to get rid of him before. New government not too stable. Problem over union with Iraq - party for it and party against it. Likely that Army will be forced to reenter politics in the near future.

PRESIDENT

Harold, when you were out there with Foster, didn't you consider Syria one of the northern tier of countries?

STASSEN

Yes, but more as backing up the northern tier -- we thought then only in terms of Turkey and Pakistan. It is fertile and fairly well off in industry, but we knew it was weak politically.

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